(2) If there are any negotiations in progress, what and at what stage are they?

SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT FOR RAILWAYS.—

A.—44. (1) and (2) Government will put the project in hand when financial conditions permit. For the present, negotiations are in abeyance.

BY MR. C. ABDUL NABI (Bangalore City).—

Q.—45. Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(1) For what training they sent Mr. Seetharamiah to the Government of India Secretariat at Delhi?

(2) Why they have appointed him as a Magistrate?

(3) Whether the training at Delhi was necessary for him to discharge his duties as a Magistrate?

SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT, LOCAL AND LEGISLATIVE DEPARTMENTS.—

A.—45. (1) Mr. N. Seetharamiah was deputed along with Mr. Abdul Ghani for studying the work of the Legislative Department of the Government of India, particularly with reference to the drafting of Bills.

(2) Because his services were not at present required in the Legislative Branch of the Secretariat.

(3) The answer is in the negative.

Supplementary Questions.

Mr. B. L. Bayanna.—

Mr. Seetharamiah has received special training. Has he been appointed to the place for which he was trained?

Dewan.—

No.

Mr. B. L. Byanna.—

If not why should two officers have been sent for training?

First Member of Council.—

Two officers were deputed simultaneously to have one in reserve and utilise his services when opportunity occurs. Of the two officers sent for training; one has been put in charge of legislative work and the services of the other will also be indented for whenever there is a necessity.

Mr. G. Paramasiviah.—

Was special training necessary?

Dewan.—

Yes. Drafting of bills, Rules, Legislative enactments, etc., require a lot of technical knowledge and skill and the special training is very necessary. In the Government of India Secretariat, there is a special establishment solely devoted for the work in question.

Mr. G. Paramasiviah.—

Was not such work being done previously without such training?

First Member of Council.—

Not efficiently.

BY MR. C. ABDUL NABI (Bangalore City).—

Q.—46. Will the Government be placed to give the following information :—

(1) The names of all the gentlemen who were nominated as Assistant Commissioners from the year 1915 up to the present date.

(2) To how many communities the above belong and what is the number in each community?

(3) The names and the number in each community who were holding some previous appointments in Government service before nomination.

(4) The designation and pay of such appointments.

(5) Whether on their elevation to the place of an Assistant Commissioner, their former places were filled by members of the same community?

(6) Were there any fresh applicants for nomination at the time with superior qualifications?